

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the North Haven Cemetery Commission held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, July 9, 2008, at the North Haven Town Hall.

Members Present: Mrs. Gambardella, Rev. Scott Morrow, Dr. Rita Landino, Elizabeth Baptie, and First Selectmen Janet McCarty

Members Absent: Lynn Fredricksen, Leslie Corey

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mrs. Gambardella.

The following materials were either mailed out to members prior to the meeting or distributed at this time:

1. Agenda July 9, 2008
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2008
3. 4th Quarter Reports FYE 2008

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Gambardella did the swearing in of new member Elizabeth Baptie.

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2008, First Selectman Janet McCarty moved their acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Gambardella.

VOTE: All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gambardella introduced Larry Dvorsky from The Care of Trees who was present to discuss their recommendations for maintenance of the cemeteries which was previously distributed at the October 24, 2007 meeting. The proposal was for \$8,670. Mrs. Gambardella asked Larry Dvorsky what type of work they have done for the Town of North Haven. Larry stated that they have done pruning work, cutting of the N.H.M.S. tree and emergency work on an as needed basis. They cut a 100' white pine at Foxwoods Ancient burial grounds.

First Selectmen Janet McCarty wanted to know if we need permission from the families to cut any bushes down near the stones. How should we proceed in pruning shrubs and trees?

Larry Dvorsky from The Care of Trees will communicate with Irving from MCC about the work to be done and then contact Victor Palma from Public Works.

Elizabeth Baptie wanted to know who is responsible for recent stones that are tilted. First Selectmen Janet McCarty thought it is probably the responsibility of the contractor who put it in.

Dr. Rita Landino mentioned that MCC is responsible for the older stones that are tilted.

The MCC Assessment was received and will be distributed to all commission members via CD and the note book that contains the assessment information will be at the Library in the reference area.

Rev. Scott Morrow moved to approve the proposal from the Care of Trees to be authorized by the Chairman (Mrs. Gambardella) and First Selectmen Janet McCarty and approve any changes to specified work with MCC and Victor Palma; not to exceed \$9,000.

Seconded by, Dr. Rita Landino

VOTE: All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gambardella would like to check with an attorney to see if we need to put a legal notice in the newspaper when the work is being done. She asked if the regulations are being followed, there are a lot of items left at the cemeteries, should someone be policing that.

Mrs. Gambardella spoke to Lynn Fredricksen who spoke with the Town of Wallingford. She stated that the Town of Wallingford owns a cemetery and they receive state grants. Mrs. Gambardella and Lynn Fredricksen have been in touch with the Historical Society concerning this.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Gambardella spoke to Mrs. Dunham who owns plots and would like to sell them. Mrs. Dunham spoke to North Haven Funeral Home, the Finance Office and Mrs. Gambardella and is not sure what to do. Lynn Fredricksen has been in touch with Mrs. Dunham and is working on this.

First Selectmen Janet McCarty wanted to know where did the money that is in the Money Market Account come from. Mrs. Gambardella had old documents that showed the money came from The Association which then became The Cemetery Commission. The Court Club has a lifetime lease to that property, they pay \$1,900 a month rent with an assessment on the property of \$37,500. Mrs. Gambardella would like an attorney to look into this.

4th QTR 2008 REPORTS

The reports were presented by Mr. Swinkoski and after a brief discussion Mrs. Gambardella moved that the reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded by, First Selectmen Janet McCarty

VOTE: All in favor.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time Mrs. Gambardella moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Seconded by, Dr. Rita Landino.

VOTE: All in favor.